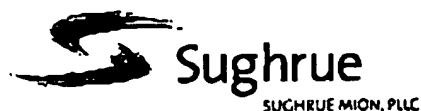


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Dear Ms. Kinard:

In our telephone conversation of December 7, 2004, you informed us that a better copy of the application was needed for scanning purposes and that this was the reason the application has not been processed to date. Per your request, please find attached herewith a complete copy of the application as originally filed on October 9, 2003 along with a copy of the PTO date-stamped filing receipt as proof of filing on said date.

Expedited processing of this application and prompt mailing of the Official Filing Receipt is respectfully requested as our client is eager to receive confirmation of the filing of this re-issue application.

If you have any questions or desire any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Very truly yours,

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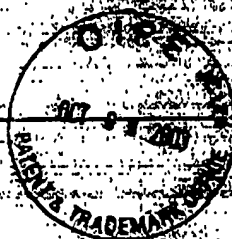
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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification and Claims in double column copy of patent
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 - ☒ Written Consent of All Assignees (PTO/SB/53)
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

10. ☐ Statement of status and support for all changes to the
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